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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

In re Application of :  
Yang-Piounng Kim :  
Application No. 09/579,235 : **DECISION ON PETITION**  
Filing Date: May 30, 2000 :  
Title: LAYERED FILM SHEET FOR :  
COATING :

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment filed June 24, 2002. This is also in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment, and in the alternative, the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) to revive the application, filed February 8, 2008.

The petitions are being treated as a petition under the unavoidable provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(a).<sup>1</sup> The paper application file was recently forwarded to the Office of Petitions for a decision on the petition. The undersigned immediately reviewed the petition upon its receipt, and rendered the following decision. The Office sincerely apologizes for any inconvenience.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) is **GRANTED**.

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<sup>1</sup> The record reveals that approximately 5.5 years elapsed between the initial filing of the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment on June 24, 2002, and the filing of the second petition on February 8, 2008. The record further reveals that petitioners did not file any status inquiries during the intervening time. Therefore, the Office determined it is appropriate to treat the petitions under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(a). See generally, 37 CFR 1.181(f).

On January 2, 2002, the Office mailed a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, which set a three-month statutory period to pay the issue fee. In the absence of a timely filed reply, the above-identified application became abandoned on April 3, 2002. On June 3, 2002, the Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(a) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the required reply in the form of the issue fee; (2) the petition fee; and (3) a showing to the satisfaction of the Director that the entire delay was unavoidable.

A copy of the Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal accompanies this decision. Petitioner should complete and return the completed form to the USPTO promptly.

The terminal disclaimer submitted on February 8, 2008, is unnecessary and will not be entered. Accordingly, the \$65.00 fee will be refunded to petitioner's credit card. The Office will charge the \$720.00 issue fee and the \$255.00 petition fee to the Deposit Account as authorized.

This application file is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Publications for issuance of a patent.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3211.

*Christina Tartera Donnell*

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Senior Petitions Attorney  
Office of Petitions

Conferee: Anthony Knight, Supervisor

## PART B - FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/579,235	05/30/2000	Yang-Pioung Kim		7550

TITLE OF INVENTION: LAYERED FILM SHEET FOR COATING

TOTAL CLAIMS	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
1	nonprovisional	YES	\$640	\$0	\$640	04/02/2002

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☐ Change of correspondence address (or Change of Correspondence Address form PTO/SB/122) attached.

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THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. **PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED.** THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

THE ISSUE FEE AND PUBLICATION FEE (IF REQUIRED) MUST BE PAID WITHIN **THREE MONTHS** FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED. **THIS STATUTORY PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED.** SEE 35 U.S.C. 151. THE ISSUE FEE DUE INDICATED ABOVE REFLECTS A CREDIT FOR ANY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE APPLIED IN THIS APPLICATION. THE PTOL-85B (OR AN EQUIVALENT) MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN THIS PERIOD EVEN IF NO FEE IS DUE OR THE APPLICATION WILL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED.

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☐ Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.

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III. All communications regarding this application must give the application number. Please direct all communications prior to issuance to Box ISSUE FEE unless advised to the contrary.

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**Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)**  
(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The patent term adjustment to date is 0 days. If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the term adjustment will be 0 days.

If a continued prosecution application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines patent term adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. (<http://pair.uspto.gov>)

# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/579,235

Examiner

Hai Vo

Applicant(s)

KIM, YANG-PIOUNG

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/07/01.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 30 May 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
  - \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
  - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the Examiner.
  - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)          |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                    | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____             |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____               | 6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                  |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
|  | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |



### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John S. Egbert on 12/27/01.
3. The application has been amended as follows:

**The Abstract:**

Delete the text starting from the term "Also" in line 17 to the term "texture," in line 25.

### REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claim rejections in Paper no. 6 have been overcome by the present amendment and response. Applicant's response is sufficient to place the instant claim in condition for allowance. None of the references of record, alone or in combination, teach or suggest a laminate having such a sandwiched arrangement as claimed by the present invention (the fourth full paragraph on page 5 of Paper no. 8).  
  
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

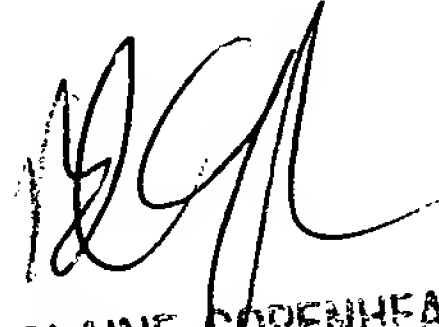
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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hai Vo whose telephone number is (703) 605-4426. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday, 8:30 to 5:00 (EAST). If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Blaine Copenheaver can be reached on (703) 308-1261. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9310 for regular communications and (703) 872-9311 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

HV  
December 28, 2001

  
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